

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
September 28, 2021

COVID Reminder

Please continue to work together to report absences and getting children tested if they are showing one symptom of COVID (if they are presenting differently from their baseline allergies). Please report absences to Mrs. Ali, your child's teacher(s), and me. If you have a specific COVID related concern about your child, please contact me.

A reminder that a child should be tested 3-5 days after potential or known exposure, and should not be in school while awaiting the results. Although a rapid test often brings peace of mind, the PCR test is needed before a return to school. While waiting for PCR test results if your child would like to join classes virtually, we are happy to support in that way, please work with me to ensure that communicating with the appropriate teachers has taken place.

You are asked to get your child tested if any of the following symptoms are present. Symptoms for children are any one of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, cough, runny nose/congestion, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or loss of taste or smell.

Thank you- Golf Tournament

Let me first begin by thanking all those who had the pleasure of playing golf yesterday on such a beautiful day! Finally, the weather curse has been broken and the sunshine cooperated and gave us a one of the nicest fall days to enjoy the annual Badger Open. Thank you to all who played and to all who volunteered to bring about another very successful event for our school community. A special thanks to Ms. Barbara Guitierrez-Smith for chairing the event, Mrs. Brittany Duignan for coordinating volunteers, Mrs. Antonucci and Mrs. Fragomeni for doing all the things tech, and to Mrs. Meredith DeWitt for helping with the fundraising portion of the event. As always, thank you to all in our community for the tremendous financial support and volunteerism to make the day a huge success and quite a bit of fun.

Protecting God's Children Personal Safety Education

The vigilant work of teachers and staff to safeguard our students by promoting a safe environment is a priority at St. Patrick's School. All children have the right to be safe and protected from harm in school, home, neighborhoods, and communities. Our school is dedicated to promoting and ensuring the protection of all children.

Each school year, we are committed to the continued instruction of the Personal Safety Education Program for our children in grades K-8. These age-appropriate lessons, prepare students to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations. The lessons will take place beginning Monday, October 11th.

Thank you for your support and the conversations you will have at home leading up to this training and following to keep the safety of our students as our primary responsibility.

Using ADW resources, we will use class time (historically 2-3 sessions) to be sure our students learn about their personal safety to the greatest extent possible. It is important that you introduce this concept at home so the children (especially those in our lower grades) are more comfortable when the teachers begin to present the material. Teachers of students in lower grades will communicate through their newsletters the language being used in their classrooms so that you can follow up at home as well. The concepts of "Good Touch/Bad Touch" are introduced as is protecting your body, referred to often as the "Bathing Suit Zone".

HSA Sponsored Coffee with Miss Short

Please join me for coffee to discuss topics ranging from fundraising to school safety. I look forward to hearing and welcoming your new ideas. All coffees will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center 1st Floor Meeting Room. The code to enter the parish center is 12121#

Parents with students in PK, K, and grades 1-2 are invited on Tuesday, October 5th

Parents with students in grades 3-5 are invited on Thursday, October 7th

Toiletry drive for Haiti

Haiti needs our help now more than ever! As you know, Life Connection Mission will not be able to hold their annual yard sale to benefit Haiti again this year. LCM is near and dear to the hearts of the St. Patrick's school and parish communities and therefore, the HSA is hosting a drive for important supplies for Haiti throughout the month of October. We would very much appreciate toiletries right now. In our efforts to help with earthquake relief, this still remains the area of greatest need. Toiletries include: bar soap, mouthwash, shampoo, hand sanitizer, diapers, sanitary napkins, deodorant, and liquid children's Tylenol. Bookbags are always appreciated and could be an added bonus, but the above items are of greater importance right now. We also will take any tarps (new or used with no holes) or tents. Please send your items into school throughout the month of October and we will ship supplies to Haiti. Any questions? Please email Kristy Swarthout kristyswarthout@gmail.com THANK YOU!

Mabel's Labels

Do you need labels to mark your child's masks, bags, and uniform pieces? Help Saint Patrick's by ordering your labels from Mabel's Labels https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/ Our school earns 20% of sales when you search for "Saint Patrick's School" before shopping (spell it out exactly as Saint Patrick's School Rockville). Click on "Support A Fundraiser" on their website and then type in Saint Patrick's School. These labels hold up for years and can go through the washer, dryer, and dishwasher. They are perfect for masks, water bottles, sweatshirts, and fleeces, lunchboxes, winter gloves, and more!

Picture Day

Individual student pictures will be taken on:

Monday, October 4th for children in grades 3-8.

Tuesday, October 5th, for children in grades PK-2.

Students may be out of uniform on these days but should be dressed nicely.

Class pictures will be held on Wednesday, October 6th for all grades. Students should wear their uniforms (even if it is a birthday-IOU out of uniform). Boys should wear long khaki pants and girls should wear their jumpers/kilts (not skorts).

Register Now for Women's Bible Study

Join the women of Walking with Purpose as we kick off our newest Bible study, Grounded in Hope. Many school moms have been involved in this beautiful community including Amanda Fangmeyer, Su Miller, Elizabeth Hoffmann, Rosina Mitchell, Tracy Guarini, Nicole Rackiewicz, Stephanie Schneider, Gina Swanda, and many more!

Register now using this link - [St. Patrick's Fall 2021 WWP Registration - Google Forms](#) We will meet weekly on Wednesdays starting next week - October 6th! As we journey through the book of Hebrews, we will learn to grab hold of Jesus, our anchor of hope, so that we remain steady and grounded despite our circumstances. No previous experience is needed! For more information please send an email to stpatrickwwp@gmail.com.

Spirit Wear! Welcome back Badgers!

A new school year has begun and what better way to demonstrate your support than by showing off your St. Patrick’s spirit wear swag! Follow the link below to shop our current selection of St. Pat’s apparel and products. <https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome> Please reach out to Yolanda Ngo at yolandada@gmail.com for more details.

Charleston Wrap

Charleston Wrap season is almost here! On **October 1**, we will be officially kicking off our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap– and we need your help! To reach our goals and make this fundraiser a success, we need everyone to do their part. Luckily, it’s super easy! Attached to this message, you’ll find a flyer with detailed instructions about how you can register online and support our goals. Packets with additional information will also be sent home with each family by September 30th. We appreciate all of your support and encourage you to spread the word to your friends & family, near and far! The more people who shop, the more money we can raise for our organization! Together, we can ensure our organization reaches its goal – and even surpasses it!

Thank you for your help!

The Upcoming Weeks:

Monday, October 4th	Individual Picture Day grades 3-8
Tuesday, October 5th	Individual Picture Day PK-grade 2 HSA Hosted Coffee with Miss Short PK-grade 2 at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 6th	Class Picture Day
Thursday, October 7th	HSA Hosted Coffee with Miss Short for grades 3-5 at 8:30 a.m.
Friday, October 22nd	Halloween Event Hosted by HSA and grade 4 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 28th	Noon Dismissal PK-grade 8; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. End of 1 st quarter
Friday, October 29th	No School PK-grade 8; PDD required by the ADW